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SUBJECT: SOVIET LIBRARY DELEGATION

REF: A. STATE 228132; B. MOSCOW 13267

1. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SOVIET LIBRARY
DELEGATION:

A. OCT 17-22 - WASHINGTON, DC: CU/EE (TO DISCUSS LIBRARY
EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES); LIBRARY OF CONGRESS; NATIONAL MEDI-
CAL LIBRARY; DEPT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY; COUNCIL ON LIBRARY
RESOURCES; POSSIBLY SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE AT UNIV. OF
MARYLAND (PLANS TO CLOSE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CATALOG MAY IN-
VOLVE UNIV. OF MARYLAND FACULTY).

B. OCT 23-24 - COLUMBUS, OHIO: OHIO COLLEGES LIBRARY CEN-
TER (OCLC). OHIO STATE HAS ALREADY CLOSED CATALOG WITH
TOTALLY AUTOMATED BOOK RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, AND SERVES AS CEN-
TER FOR NETWORK OF APPROXIMATELY 700 LIBRARIES LINKED VIA
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C. OCT 25-29 - BOSTON: 38TH ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE, WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMATION TRANSFER PROCESS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY; (TWO FULL DAY WORKSHOPS ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION INCLUDE SESSIONS ON COST PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT, ASSESSING NEED FOR AUTOMATED SYSTEMS, AND ACQUISITION OF NEW SYSTEMS. MEETING ALSO INCLUDES OTHER TOPICS CONSISTENT WITH SOVDEL'S INTERESTS. CO-HOST IS NEW ENGLAND LIBRARY NETWORK (NELINET), WHICH IS AUTOMATICALLY LINKED TO OCLC SYSTEM.); HARVARD AND MIT LIBRARIES.

D. OCT 30-NOV 2 - NEW YORK CITY: NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY; COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES; DEPARTURE FOR USSR.

2. PROGRAM WILL ALSO INCLUDE A GOOD LOCAL LIBRARY SYSTEM, WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY SERVICES.

3. IN VIEW SHORT TIME PERIOD IN US AND EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY BOSTON MEETING, DEPT REGRETS IT UNABLE INCLUDE PALO ALTO IN SOVDEL ITINERARY. WARREN HAAS AND FOSTER MOHRAHARDT (REFTEL B) NOT AVAILABLE MEET WITH SOVDEL, SINCE BOTH WILL BE ATTENDING LIBRARY CONFERENCE IN JAPAN.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE DEPT WHETHER NOV 2 DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK ACCEPTABLE SOVDEL. ALSO REQUEST ADDITIONAL BIO INFO FOR USE IN ARRANGING PROGRAM DETAILS WITH LOCAL SPONSORS. KISSINGER

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